

# the forum

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## Poems Tell Of War Pathos

A REVIEW By RHONDA CHRISTOPHER

The outrage and meaninglessness of the Vietnam war has been expressed in a new book of poetry. Another struggling attempt to convince Americans of the atrocities of the war they remain locked in.

Basil T. Paquet, brother of art instructor Peter B. Paquet, is co-author with Larry Rottmann and Jan Barry in "Winning Hearts and Minds", war poems by Vietnam vets. The pathos of the war is exploited. "The war still goes on. We were, and are, a part of the evil. And the fire still burns."

Here is a taste of the wide variety of hard-hitting pieces: "Night Dust-off" by Paquet is an action-filled glimpse of a rescue helicopter troopship "in the beaten night".

"they are thrust into a privy feeling into wounds"

An angered sickened piece, "They Do Not Go Gentle" by Paquet, relates the waste and degeneration of life:

"Memories of momma, and half their id  
Lies in some shell hole"

A short epitaph of a sight too often seen is super-imposed on a pen and ink sketch of a dead GI's body, "In A Plantation" by Paquet;

"His last 'I am' exploded  
red and grey on a rubber tree"

"This Last Time" by Paquet highly suggests the Vietnamese peasant's position in the war.

"This last time sun bursts his eyes  
he sees darkly the fall of sparrows

against a shaken sky"

"Basket Case" by Paquet is a shivering scene of the atrocities involved in war;

"I fathered only this-the genderless bitterness

of two stumps, and an unwanted pity  
that births the faces of all  
who will see me till I die deliriously

from the spreading sepsis that was once my balls

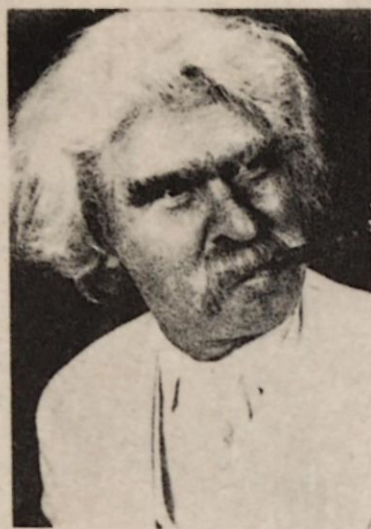
"Morning-A Death" by Paquet gives New Englanders food for thought;

"I'd sooner be a fallen pine cone this winter

In a cradle of cold New England rock."

"I hope I drown fast, the pain is all in living."

This humanistic look at the Vietnam War by men who have seen its pathos makes this a highly recommended book.



TOM NOEL

## Mark Twain To Visit College

Greenfield Community College will present Tom Noel in "Mark Twain Tonight" in the main building auditorium on Tuesday, November 14 at 8 p.m. Admission is free with a GCC ID card.

The original Mark Twain was a humorist and writer who became a national institution — the Bob Hope of his day — because of his free swinging jibes at hypocrisy.

Famous for his one liners, Twain once remarked that too much smoking is bad — more than one cigar at a time is too much smoking. His stories of life aboard the Mississippi River boats are among the classics of American literature. Mark Twain is a pen name used by Samuel Clemens drawn from the expression "mark twain", meaning two fathoms of water under the keel of the boat.

Impressionist Tom Noel was Twain down cold, right to the famous white suit which was one of his trademarks.

## New Computer Installed

By CYNDIE GRISE

There's a new baby in the computer center at GCC. His name is Univac 9200 and he has come to do some behind the scenes work for almost everyone at the school.

The computer system is for business rather than scientific work. It will provide a larger storage capacity for student records, and personnel and academic data.

"One important capability," says Frank Mirabello, computer center director, "is the use of remote terminals." They will be used by student personnel, the admissions office, and business office to assess and update records directly from that office without sending them to the

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## Governor's Diagnosis Challenged

By MARIANNE PAZMINO

"A Great and Thorough Change" was the title of an address by Governor Francis W. Sargent given on October 14, 1972. In this debate, Sargent stated the problems of higher educational institutions today and what should be done to alleviate these problems in the future.

As Sargent sees it, the problems are numerous: unqualified teachers, outdated subjects, rising costs, and improper governing and administering techniques. He stated, "I share with many students at our state-supported colleges and universities an abiding discontent with the tendency to substitute bigger for better, discontent with the relentless grip of dated practices and tired ideas." He goes on to offer his solutions to these problems in an 11 point argument.

Sargent's arguments are sound if one agrees with the original diagnosis. But, if there is something wrong with our higher education institutions, is it all the fault of instructors, administrators, and state? Or is perhaps the student at fault?

Sargent says, "Too much college teaching is uninspired. Too many students spend class hours wishing they were doing something else." The question this statement raises is, are students necessarily wishing themselves somewhere else because the teaching is uninspired? Or are students wishing themselves somewhere else because they shouldn't be in college in the first place?

Is Sargent right in advocating reform of the higher educational system? Or should the reform begin with a redefinition of higher education itself and a change in the type of person who attends college?

## Barons Finish Season In Red

By DEBBIE MILLER

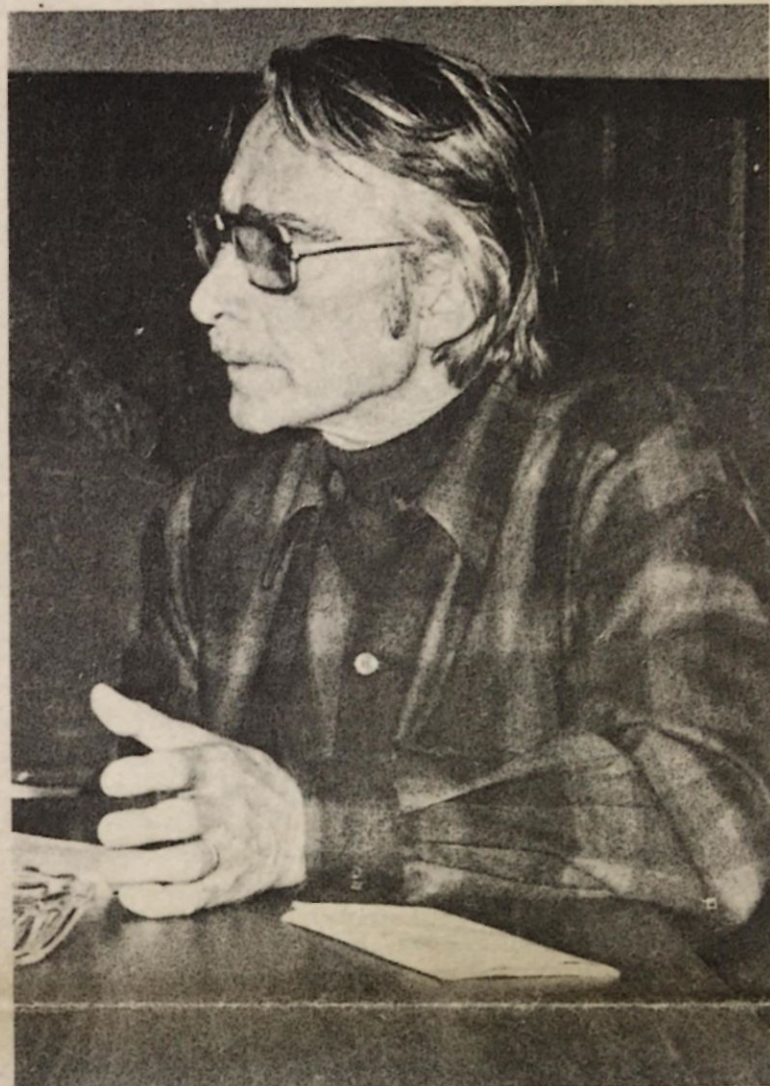
The GCC soccer team lost its final game of the season Tuesday against Quinsigamond Community College.

The team started out quite well. Points were scored in the opening period of the game by Craig Annatasuog and Russ Pogodzinski, to put the GCC team in the lead 2-0. Annatasuog was injured later on in the game, and GCC lost its lead to Quinsigamond.

The Greenfield Community College team finished out this season with a 1-8-3 record. Coach Phelps said that the team put out good effort, and that some of the games were lost by only one point.

Doug McCloud did a good job in defense. Other players who

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Student government president Bob Schilling tells participants in the second annual student-administration retreat that Latrine-o-grams do not cut any ice with him. —Forum-photo

## Students Meet Administration

The second annual student-administration retreat was held last Wednesday at the Northfield Inn. Twenty-two members of the Student government joined President Turner and other members of the administration in a day-long discussion of college affairs.

Among the topics discussed were: student activities and college resources, college store operations, health services, faculty teaching evaluations, objectives of student government and college publications. Lunch was served at the Northfield Inn and the meeting ended with an evaluation to be used in maintaining better communications.

Student activities director Brian Gilmore said that the student government is an arm of the administration, and noted, in evaluation of the effectiveness of the retreat, that communication is the beginning of understanding.

Dean of Students Robert B. Keir advised participants that the student government was a reactor as well as an initiator.

As an example, he pointed out student reaction to the problem of how the college can better serve its service area. Should evening division classes, he asked, be open to day division students at regular tuition prices. Evening division classes are currently more expensive than day division classes because of the legislative subsidy to the day division. Evening division classes must be self-supporting.

Student government president Bob Schilling remarked that students interested enough in getting elected to student government are those interested in making the college a better school. "Latrine-o-grams don't count," he said. "Students must come forward and make their criticisms and ideas known."

President Turner, in a candid statement to the participants, said he was charged by the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges with responsibility for the administration of the college. He expressed the hope that the best brains of the institution —

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# VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7



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## Can I Trust The Forum: Part II

Huddled over my 1913 typewriter while sitting in my dimly lit, dusty room during lucid moments sandwiched between bouts of senility and food poisoning, I generally pause to wonder why anyone might possibly pay attention to anything I write. Glancing towards my mirror I keep framed on the wall just past my typewriter that I might have a constant reminder of my decrepitude, I fantasize that the mirror might not even contain a reflection but unavailingly, there I am, and my only escape is in the thought that perhaps I can entertain the reader with some of my thoughts and perceptions and make a small part of my experience his, or hers, or whatever.

Can I trust The FORUM? How could I, I write for it. But can I find it interesting, stimulating and informative, that is an entirely different question that can be answered yes if the students, faculty and staff of the school are interested in sharing, through print, graphics and photography, their thoughts and perceptions with the rest of the college community.

The Forum is attempting to change itself, to hit more areas in new ways. Starting next issue it will make room for articles and essays on any relevant subject (including the irreverent); it will have room for poetry, opinions and cartoons and just about any other creative effort that can be published in a newspaper.

My hope is that we can transform The FORUM from a sterile tabloid used primarily for intra-college communications into creative newspaper always containing an experience for the reader.

The paper is yours if you wish to use it. Anyone interested in contributing to The FORUM should contact me, Norm Russell, at the student activities office Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning after 9 a.m. or just grab me in the hallway, if you know what I look like.

Coming soon in The Forum:

Women and GCC.

An Arabian student discusses the plight of the Palestinian refugees.

A Day in the Life of Lew Turner: Just who is Lew Turner? What is his favorite breakfast cereal?

The High Cost of Textbooks

Student Alienation and GCC

Facism and America in the 70's

If you would like to work on any of these articles or others of your own, let me know about it. If I tried to do this work all on my own, my mind would be blown in a week.

—Norm Russell

## BOGGED DOWN?

Almost everyone gets that way once in a while. Things just don't seem to fit. If this has happened to you, drop in to the Counseling Center. It won't hurt and we may be able to help.

**Pioneer Valley Symphony  
Beethoven's Symphony 8  
Saturday, November 18  
8:15 p.m.**

Greenfield High School Auditorium  
Free Tickets Available  
in Student Activities Office

## Tax —

To The Editor:

As a citizen of Massachusetts and a taxpayer, I feel it is imperative that we have a graduated income tax. As the present form of income tax stands, a person earning \$35,000 a year pays the same percent of income tax as a person earning \$6,000 a year.

A graduated income tax is fairer because it taxes people according to their ability to pay. This way the tax burden falls more on the upper income people and big businesses.

Large corporations and big businesses are opposed to a change in our tax structure because they will have to pay more than the present flat 5 per cent.

Another point is that the graduated tax is completely deductible on your Federal income tax. People whose state tax goes up will have their Federal tax reduced.

Also, a graduated tax will pay more mind to taxing luxury items than the necessities of life, and also help eliminate the tax burden for the elderly and widowed Tax payers living on unearned incomes.

The most important thing to remember is that a graduated tax will lift the tax burden off the average American working man, along with making sure the upper income man and large corporations pay their share.

In conclusion, I would like to add that by voting "yes" on this issue, it will give the legislature the authority to change Massachusetts tax laws, not require it to. To be honest, our present form of taxing has not been able to lessen the tax burden of the middle American at all. It's about time we voted for a change!

LAWRENCE E. KILGOUR

## Donated Foods

To The Editor:

In an attempt to answer the many inquiries I've had about donated foods, I called and spoke to Mary Bailey, the warehouse manager. She was extremely cooperative and enthusiastic and wanted me to assure the GCC community that "Mrs. Bailey doesn't bite... these are the people who will be paying for this program in a few years."

Groups of students living together are eligible in most cases — in fact, she feels that most of the students living away from home are probably eligible. The law requires that proof of eligibility be provided in the form of bank books, rent receipts, medical bills, etc. If a number of students are living together, one person should be named head of the household.

An appointment must be made with Mrs. Bailey in advance. The number is 772-0838.

All government programs require a lot of paper work. Mrs. Bailey would be happy to have volunteers to help with hers.

Nancy Buchanan,  
Nurse-Associate  
Student Health St.

The annual environmental recreation camping trip to the White Mountains, held last week, was cut short one day due to extreme cold and snow. Twenty-two people participated in the backpacking trek into the mountains.

Of these 22 persons, each member viewed the experience in a unique manner. Some loved it; others only went because they had to. But even those with negative attitudes gained some knowledge of, and insight into, survival in the wilderness.



The Forum's woman's editor, Andy Thibault, has his cigar lit by the girl of his dreams. Another takes dictation during his fantasy of grandeur and affaire d'amour. Thibault is from Montreal and has a Gaulic sense of joie de vivre. —Freudian Photo

## A Fantasy Of Grandeur And Affaires d'amour

By ANDY THIBAUT

An office lined with mahogany. The penthouse suite secretaries: cute, bright, friendly in a charmingly professional way. My mind blew. This must be paradise.

LEGS. LEGS here, LEGS there, LEGS everywhere. My moment of fulfillment had finally arrived. I was top man in the corporation—Male Chauvinistic Enterprises, Inc.

Nevertheless, I was shrewd. I needed a secretary who could type, keep her makeup out of the filing cabinet, make a gourmet pot of coffee, keep my expense account legal, and remember my wife's birthday.

But, being a leg and thigh man, I usually cut my interviews short. A good pair of legs, miniskirt, and MAN, she was hired.

A miniskirt especially; after all, what boss in his right mind would want a secretary who covers her legs? That could easily throw his concentration off business and probably cause him to become a nervous wreck. After all, it is passion that drives the engine of industry.

I would only take her out for lunch on windy days. I had my limousine specially equipped with facing rear seats, so I could dictate, face to face-kneecap to kneecap.

I never spent a sick day away from the office. Frequent trips to the water cooler, constant pacing in front of my secretary's desk; I was in perfect physical condition. My physician marveled at my strength of heart.

And when I awoke. It had all been a dream—a fantasy. I was sitting in a grungy old classroom in the west building. The professor was still droning on. "Success in business depends on capital, planning, and management..."

I closed my eyes again to shut it all out. I tried to think of the day when I would be a success in business, and—you know—there was in the sky a thigh bye and bye.



# A Blood Story

By ROB CROSBY

I happened to walk by the west building one day last week and was accosted by my friend, Lois.

"You're going to give aren't you?", she demanded, grabbing my arm and dragging me into the campus center.

"Give?" I repeated, reaching reluctantly for my wallet. "Give what?"

"Why, blood, of course," she replied, making a face like Dracula.

"Forget it," I said, backing away from her. "Not me. I hate needles. And pain."

"Oh, it doesn't hurt," Lois explained earnestly. "Honestly. All you do is get up there on that table and they put the needle into the vein in your arm and your blood pours out and—" she put out a hand to keep me from running away. "Really, you hardly even feel it. Come on, it's simple."

If Lois could do it, I decided, so could I. "How many times have you given?" I asked her.

"Who me? Are you kidding? I've never done it, I'm just trying to get other people to. But I'm sure it doesn't hurt," she added, and finally I agreed to be a blood donor — provided that Lois went first.

We signed up. Had our temperatures taken. Blood pressure tested. Iron content determined. The nurse fired questions at us. Have you ever had jaundice? Hepatitis? Malaria? Heart Disease? Chronic Sinusitis?

Lois went up to the table and the nurse spoke to her a moment. Lois looked over her shoulder at me. "He'll kill me," she whispered to the nurse. "He'll absolutely kill me." Lois, it appeared, was currently receiving medication and so was unacceptable. The medicinal content in her blood might react in the system of the person receiving it. So Lois was a reject and that left me climbing up onto the table trying desperately to think of something that would render myself equally unacceptable.

"I'm only eighteen," I pleaded, thinking, I'm too young to die.

"You only have to be eighteen," the nurse assured me, adding, "You're not over sixty-five, are you?"

"But I only weigh one hundred and fifty pounds," I warned the nurse, who told me I only had to weigh one hundred and ten.

"Do you want a silver bullet to bite down on?" she inquired jovially, and I turned my head away, thinking, What did I do to deserve this? The nurse fiddled interminably with my arm, dabbing lotions, tying towels and trying to cheer me up. Then the needle went in! I clenched my fists, cursed Lois, and saw my life pass before my eyes.

Then I knew I must be dead because I could feel the needle in my arm but no pain whatsoever. Amazingly, it was all over in a few minutes. I sat up, happy and surprised, while the nurse gave me a back-rub and steered me to a chair where soda, coffee and crackers awaited.

I must admit, though, I had a bad moment when I saw the nurse carrying off a huge bag filled with my blood. "My God, how much did you take?" I asked incredulously, blood — what little was left of it — pounding in my ears.

"Just a pint," she said, smiling smugly. "Come back in eight weeks and I'll take another."

I think I will.

## Barons--

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did well for the team were Phelps hopes for a better Keith Schemp, goalie. Jim season for the soccer team next Sedgwick on defense, and Don year. Weld as a substitute.

## PROMETHEUS

The College Literary Magazine  
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Fiction - Poetry - Opinion  
Art - Photographs

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South Building

## Law Program Offered Days

By KEN JACKSON

A law enforcement program is now being offered at The College during the day division. Law enforcement has been an evening course since 1968, but now can also be taken during the day to complete an associate degree in law enforcement.

There are presently 155 students enrolled in the program; 97 of these are day students and 32 are already employed as police officers.

Ex-patrolman Jerry Richards is the instructor. Richards spent four years as a patrolman in Leominster, one year in Amherst, and one summer in Nantucket. He attended Assumption College in Worcester, Mt. Wachusett Community College and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English at UMass. Richards is presently enrolled in evening courses at UMass, to acquire credits needed by the college instructor.

Richards feels strongly that a law enforcement program will benefit Greenfield and surrounding communities by adding better educated men to existing police departments as well as giving officers from these departments an opportunity to take the courses.

Few colleges in this area offer full-time law enforcement programs, he said, and some policemen have been sent as far away as Northeastern University in Illinois at full salary.

He said that in the majority of departments there are no grading or point systems to distinguish the educated from the uneducated or the experienced from the inexperienced police officer. An officer with a BA or even a PhD might be seen walking the same beat or checking the same parking meters and holding a rank equal to an officer with only a high school education. The college man would make considerably more money, up to \$1,000 a year more for an officer holding an associate degree, but would remain stagnant in rank and duties.

To reach the next highest rank of sergeant, the patrolman must pass a written examination. This examination is now being questioned by the courts and may be declared unconstitutional.

A few police departments do have a grade system for patrolman, and Richards hopes the lumping together of these men will be eliminated in the future.

The need for new police officers, according to Richards, is great. Most departments are understaffed and badly need new recruits to remedy this situation.

Asked if he felt that the hands of the police were tied with the advent of new laws pertaining to arrest procedures, Richards said, "No. I think the police now are doing their job the way they should have a long time ago."

## Computer--

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computer center." This will give the computer center more time to work on other projects.

Students in the business and management fields will be able to work directly with the Univac 9200, but most students will be unaware of the part the computer will be playing in their academic lives. Besides helping to educate students, it will be receiving and processing data such as admissions records and grades faster than before.



Dilapidated stairway shows sub-standard housing in which many students are living. —Forumfoto

## Civil Rights Hassles Housing

By DEBBIE JACQUE

Housing problems get more and more difficult. With the new signature card, Mrs. Ellie Stebbins finds it more difficult getting housing for students. This card stems from the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which states "for rental to students without regard to race, color, or national origin."

Mrs. Stebbins started the housing program in 1966, while working in the main office at the college. She overheard students discussing the problem of finding a place to live. She knew many people, being a resident of Greenfield all her life, so she decided to help the students. She appealed for help to her friends. Soon after, Jim Foudy, a reporter from UMass, did a story on her. Mrs. Stebbins states that, "Ever since, people have been calling me."

Mrs. Stebbins helps students find housing with their co-operation as well as the landlords'. She asks the landlord to discuss all rules of the house, preferably in writing. She believes that understanding between the landlord and tenant from the beginning is the best. She helps the student find a place to fit his own personal interests and needs.

Since 1966, Mrs. Stebbins says that people have been getting fussier as years go by. "The students want to bring their pets with them. Some landlords don't allow this. One student had a pet skunk."

Students also want apartments, not wanting to live in with families. Mrs. Stebbins sees nothing wrong with this, but as she said, "Nowadays it's hard to find any place for housing." All types of people rent housing, all the way from taking an interest in the student, to just collecting the rent. Landlords are very careful as to who they will accept in their homes. Mrs. Stebbins says that this creates quite a problem at times.

As soon as a student has a place to live, they are on their own. But often Mrs. Stebbins spends her free time ironing out problems between the landlord and student.

## Shouts, Screams, Laughs

By ROB CROSBY

It is 7 p.m. You park your car and cross the street to the downtown building. Climbing the stairs you hear strange noises from above. Shouts, screams, whispers, laughter. It is the sound of artists at work.

These artists are not painting, or drawing, or sculpting, nor creating any physical object to be set upon a shelf to be admired from a distance. These artists are creating something that will live, not in the eyes, but in the minds and hearts of people forever. These artists are creating a play.

Four nights a week these students meet, and with the aid of Marylou Carroll, for several hours each becomes a different person, living in a different world from the rest of us. Each actor develops two personalities, his own and that of the character he is portraying.

This fall, the play chosen is "The Matchmaker", a comedy by Thornton Wilder.

First of all there is Dolly Levi, the mischievous matchmaker of the title. And Dolly, of course, has to have friends, and her friends have employees, and the employees have friends, and everyone has to have a place to live, a place to go, someone to talk to, something to talk about, and suddenly you are no longer looking at a stage full of oddly-dressed people but at New York City in the 1800's. You are at a hat shop, dining at a famous restaurant, visiting in the home of a nice-but-nutty old maid.

In less than two months the downtown auditorium will house "The Matchmaker", the result of dozens of hard-working people brought together by a common love: theatre.

Recreation leadership students at Greenfield Community College are cooperating with Greenfield public schools in a pilot program of outdoor education for elementary schools.



# ISSUES AND CANDIDATES TO BE DECIDED TUESDAY

## McGolgan For Low-Cost College Ed

By DEBBIE JACQUE

Edward McGolgan seeks reelection as state representative from the Northampton-Amherst area.

McGolgan believes that philosophically there should be free education, but realistically, he says, this is not possible. Each year there is greater pressure to get higher education. The percentage of cost of higher education that students pay differs year. McGolgan wants to keep this amount as small as possible while keeping within a realistic state budget.

McGolgan thinks the state should help any veteran who needs it while making transitions to the world. He also favors helping disabled veterans as well as other disabled persons get a higher education.

McGolgan supported the "Shay's Bill" to end the war. He has held this position since 1967, when he was on the city council in Northampton. He believes the war to be unconstitutional.

McGolgan is very aware of medical fund problems at community colleges. He first picked this up when reading an article about it in the Greenfield paper, and had an intern working on this problem. This intern has done a survey of community and state colleges, and put together a pamphlet at the end of September. This will be reviewed by McGolgan soon. He hopes this will help bring out some of the problems concerned.

McGolgan is involved in WMPERG. WMPERG is challenging the rate hikes proposed by Western Mass. Electric Company. He is very interested in encouraging and supporting students that are interested in such projects as WMPERG.

## Tooth Care Available

Springfield Technical Community College's dental clinic may be utilized by students here, Nancy Buchanan, nurse-associate of the student health center, said today.

The clinic, which is open to the public, will clean teeth and instruct the patient in dental hygiene for \$1. Full mouth and bite wing x-rays and fluoride treatments are also \$1. The clinic operated on the following schedule: Monday, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Groups can be accommodated but appointments must be made one week ahead. Telephone Springfield 1-781-6421.

Tooth and gum problems are extremely prevalent in the student age group. Mrs. Buchanan says, and tend to be neglected because of fear and cost. Gum disease is the most common cause of tooth loss and can usually be prevented by good dental hygiene practices

## Shortell Opposes Free Ed

By DEBBIE MILLER

Edward Shortell is the Republican candidate in Greenfield for state representative. This is his first try.

Shortell is not politically oriented, but is a businessman trying his hand at politics. At an interview, Shortell, expressed his views on matters concerning the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

He is opposed to lowering the cost of tuition at state institutions at the moment and would like to see students carry the cost of their education. "If anything is for free, it is abused," Shortell stated. He feels that education shouldn't be given away, and favors the work-study program. He proposed a program where students could delay payments of tuition until after they receive their education, using an interest free loan. The students might feel that they are getting more out of their learning.

Shortell is for a veteran service program. He feels that the state should subsidize all veterans of war, not just Vietnam veterans. This would depend on the service that these veterans have rendered, and the length of their services.

Shortell would not support an end the war now bill, although the war is ending. He agrees with what is happening concerning the war at this present time. He also believes that with the way the war is ending now will bring an honorable and just peace.

Shortell is against state funding of medical programs at colleges. He feels that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is getting overloaded with the funding of state institutions. According to Shortell, the state should not be required to pay anything, but the college doctor should try to lower his fees.

Shortell would definitely support a public interest group at the college, but he would have to know the group's needs and if the community required it.

"Something should be done about taxes in the state of Massachusetts," Shortell said. "Taxes are getting much too heavy on the citizens." He would like to see Massachusetts develop a graduated income tax program.

He would also like to see changes made in the state legislature. A better balance is needed in our representative two-party system. He wants to see a business philosophy used in running various departments within the state. Business people could do a good job in politics if given a chance, he feels.

## Retreat--

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student brains as well as faculty brains — could be gathered together on the various college committees to give him counsel.

## Proposed Constitutional Changes To Be Put To Voters

Seven questions proposing amendments to the state constitution will be put before voters on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Question 1 would authorize the legislature to enact a law that agricultural and horticultural lands be valued for taxation according to their use as agricultural and horticultural lands rather than at their potential development value. The legislature has twice favored the adoption of this amendment which is designed to protect farm land from excessive taxation.

Question 2 would set the Massachusetts voting age at 18 in conformity with the 26th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. This too has received the support of the legislature.

Question 3 would remove the prohibition against paupers from voting. This is supported by the legislature.

Question 4 would permit the Commonwealth to make loans for tuition and board to Massachusetts residents who are students at any college, university, or institution of higher learning. This is supported by the legislature.

Question 5 would declare that "the people have a right to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural scenic, historic and esthetic qualities of the environment. It further declares that the protection of the right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources is a public purpose."

This has received the unanimous support of both houses of the legislature.

Question 6 would authorize but not require the legislature to modify the Massachusetts income tax laws by the use of a graduated rate instead of the present uniform or flat rate. The legislature could do this in any one of three ways:

(a) apply a uniform rate or percentage to an individual's federal income tax,

(b) apply graduated rates to an individual's federal taxable income,

(c) apply graduated rates to income determined to be taxable under Massachusetts law.

The concern in this amendment is to raise more tax revenue without imposing new taxes. The virtue of the amendment presumably would be that low income persons would pay less and high income persons more, making the state income tax more equitable. Opponents of the amendment say, however, that high income people will be able to take advantage of tax loopholes and thus frustrate the purpose of the amendment. For a letter to the editor on this subject, see page two of this issue of The FORUM. The legislature supports the amendment.

Question 7 would require all judges to retire at 70. This has been supported by both houses.

The most crucial of these proposals are the ones concerning the taxation of agricultural and horticultural lands and the graduated income tax, the first because it will protect farm lands and forests from overdevelopment and the second because, in theory at least, it will provide more badly needed revenue for the Commonwealth.

## Student Activities Calendar

### Friday, November 3

FILM: Battle Circus, Campus Center, 7:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: 25¢

"With Bogart, this time in one of Brook's most outspoken works — an indictment of the moral destruction of war. Again, the timeliness of this film and its anti-establishment tone should be noted (the Korean War lasted until 1953).

### Tuesday, November 7

Auto Scavenger Hunt, 6:00 p.m., Campus Center

Outing Club Backpacking trip, 8:00 a.m., West Building  
Election Night Watch, 7:30 p.m. to midnight  
Refreshments, Campus Center

### Saturday, November 4

FILM: The White Reindeer, Campus Center, 7:30 p.m.  
ADMISSION: 25¢

### Thursday, November 9

Civilisation Film Series, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Main Building Auditorium

THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE: The arts of seventeenth-century Holland, of Rembrandt, Hals and Vermeer; the philosophy of Descartes, "I think, therefore, I am;" Sir Isaac Newton and his mathematical exposition of the laws which govern the universe; Sir Christopher Wren, scientist and architect; scientific discoveries and their implications for the age to come.

### Saturday, November 11

Hatfield Barn Smorgasbord, Tickets \$1.00 at the Student Activities Office. Deadline: November 10.

### Sunday, November 12

Hayride, Top Rail Farm in Whately  
Vans leave the West Building at 6:15 p.m.  
Tickets \$1.00

### Monday, November 13

Video Tape Network, Groove Tube I  
Shown Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

GROOVE TUBE: The impertinent spoof of commercial television that began video entertainment on campus. This video classic has played to over 300 college audiences across the country and is still at Channel One Theatre three years after its New York opening.

### Tuesday, November 14

Tom Noel in "Mark Twain Tonight"  
Main Building auditorium, 8:00 p.m.  
FREE WITH G.C.C. ID

### Wednesday, November 15

FILM: All the Loving Couples  
Campus Center, 7:30 p.m., ADMISSION: 75¢

### Thursday, November 16

National Gallery of Art Civilisation Film Series, Main Building auditorium, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS: The age of the Rococo, an age of music, carefree life, and of great art; the music of Bach, Mozart and Handel; the painting of Fragonard and Watteau; the spectacular architecture of Balthasar Neumann and the brothers Zimmermann; a period of intimacy and of flirtation; a happy, fleeting moment between Baroque grandeur and the Age of Reason.

### Friday, November 17

Square Dance, Campus Center, 7:30-11:00 p.m.